in February, 1989. It is also proposed to organise Buyer-Seller meets in Australia.

Trade between India and Mangolia

3463. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand trade with Mangolia;

(b) whether both the countries have identified areas for the expansion of trade between the two countries; and

(c) what other measures and follow up action have been taken for the expansion of trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) New areas like hides and skins, textile machinery and marine products etc., are being explored to expand the trade between the two countries. Besides come Indian companies have expressed interest in setting up joint ventures.

Export to Bulgaria

3464. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items presently being exported to Bulgaria;

(b) the total amount worth of the goods/items exported to that country during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have signed a trade agreement with Bulgaria; and

(d) if so, what are the new items proposed to be exported to and imported from Bulgaria in the coming years under the trade pact signed between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The major items of exports to Bulgaria are: soya extractions, coffee, black papper, finished leather and leather products, knitwear and garments, iron ore, earthmoving equipment and machine tools.

(b) The value of India's exports to Bulgaria during the last three years is given below :

Year	Rs./crores
1986-87	45
1987-88	47
1988-89 (April-Sept.) . .	14

SOURCE: DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(c) and (d) As Indo-Bulgarian trade is in free foreign exchange, Annual Trade Protocols of the type applicable to rupee payment countries are not drawn up. Accordingly in the meeting of the Indo-Bulgarian Permanent Working Group on Trade held in New Delhi from 27th Feb. to 1st March, 1989. Agreed Minutes were signed providing for indicative lists for a trade turnover of about US $ 150 million *i.e.* US $ 75 million each way during 1989. New items suggested for export to Bulgaria included spark plugs, textile machinery, machinery for auto ancillaries, railway equipment, diesel engines, electronic components, computers, vehicles, sub-station equipment like transmission towers, conductors/insulators, services for construction of hotels, etc. and new item suggested for import from Bulgaria included fnod processing machinery, wood working machinery, robots, metal working machinery, electronic motors, fork lift trucks, rifampicin, facilities for production of computer system etc.

Extension of pensionary benefits to the Employees of Export Promotion Councils

3465. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Commerce has extended pen-